MPACT Press Conference With Marshall Bennett/ Department of the Treasury Tuesday, March 20, 2001 10:00 a.m.

Talking Points for 1st Lady

- Good Morning
- As a former teacher and as a supporter of education, I am happy to be here today to announce the companion program to the MPACT program
- As 1st Lady, I daily promote and support reading in our state.
- A good basic education is a must for our children.
- They also must continue their education beyond their high school years.
- The MPACT and MACS programs are an important tool and opportunity for parents in Mississippi.
- I want to encourage everyone with children to begin now, planning for their future.

- Teaching them to read and reading to your child is important, but we must also think long term.
- Thank you